

Partnership for Healthcare Excellence Membership Continued...

It includes, physicians, nurses, hospitals, patient and consumer advocacy groups, educators, businesses, labor leaders, public health analysts and many others – people from all corners of the health care system working together to improve the quality, safety and effectiveness of health care in Massachusetts.

The Partnership believes that having patients who are educated, active and engaged is one of the best ways to improve the safety and effectiveness of health care for everyone.

Toward this end, the Partnership is working to educate and motivate consumers to improve the quality of their health care. It is reaching out to consumers through a print advertising campaign, community events and a website (www.partnershipforhealthcare.org) which features a range of tools and resources, including a one-stop guide to quality information. The site also features fact sheets on how to:

- Find a doctor
- Prepare for medical appointments
- Take medications safely
- Prepare for surgery
- Compare hospital quality and patient satisfaction ratings

In the coming months, resources will be added based on consumer demand and input from members of the Partnership.

To learn more about how the Partnership is working to ensure that consumers have a stronger voice when it comes to improving the quality of their health care, visit www.partnershipforhealthcare.org